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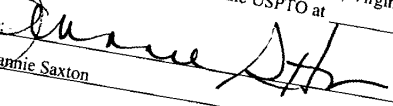
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SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated June 4, 2003, please amend the above  
identified application as follows.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 9 and 10 in their entirety without prejudice nor disclaimer of the  
subject matter set forth therein.

Please amend claim 1 as follows.

1. (Currently Amended) A method of fabricating a semiconductor device, the  
method comprising the steps of:

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